TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



November 26, 2023

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



St. Paul the Apostle Church

Corner of 6th & Raritan Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904

Guardian Angels Church

37 Plainfield Ave. (Access from Market Street) Edison, NJ 08817

Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance by appointment

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul the Apostle Church

Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude: Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Church

Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor
Deacon Edward Krupa & Deacon Ubaldo Valdez (part-time)
Maria Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Parish Membership: We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a person is not an active parishioner.

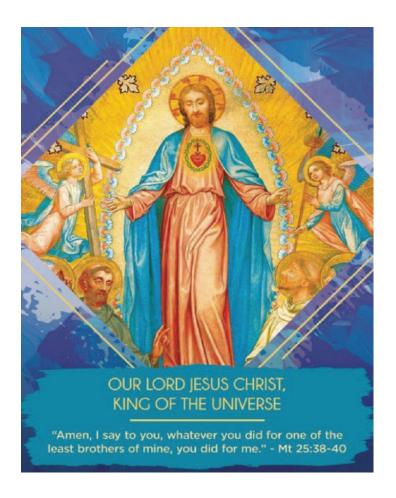
The Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Matrimony: The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25 Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. Eileen Donouhue

Sunday, November 26: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Deceased D'Amato & Perone Family+,

by Angela Perone

12:30 p.m. Animas del Purgatorio, by Familia

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Margaret & Clifton Berle,

and Peter Eneo+, by Catherine Berle

Edneil Elimanco, by Family

11:00 a.m. Christine Suchanek, by Patricia Suchanek

Monday, November 27
St. Paul the Apostle Church
8:00 a.m. Lou Antonelli†,

by Dan & Betty Lou Varady

Sr. Helen Agnes O'Neill, SC†

Tuesday, November 28 <u>Guardian Angels Church</u>

9:00 a.m. Luis Cortés†, by Nilda I. Pérez

Wednesday, November 29 St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Delores & Joseph Milicia†, by Peter Milicia

Mary Monahant, by Eileen Connolly

Thursday, November 30 Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, December 1

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Mary Monahan†, by Eileen Connolly Dotte Clark-Bilgrav†, by Bill & Ann Volpe

Saturday, December 2
Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. Rocio Colont, by Nilda I. Pérez 4:00 p.m. Jack Afonsot, by Wife Marta Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. Mary Monahant, by Noreen Horvath

Phyllis Mackinney†, by Bill & Ann Volpe

12:30 p.m. Gonzalo Bravo Balbuena (1er Aniversario

de Difunto)†, by Familia Bravo Balbuena

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. Sr. Marie Daly, SC

11:00 a.m. Patty Desantis & Tina Wolak,

by Rosary Altar Society

Donors are invited for the following items for 2024

Breaking Bread Hymnals: \$2,500 Celebremos (Spanish Hymnals): \$1,000

Wine: \$500 in memory of William & Arlene Eichler

Hosts: \$1,500

Hosts (Gluten Free): \$100 Palm Leaves: \$1,000 Candles & Candle Oil: \$500

Rest in Peace

Dolores Shamy

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, December 2 4:00p.m.

Lectors: Catherine O'Neill
Eucharistic Ministers: Hermie Tenchavez

Lectors: Joan Guetti
Eucharistic Minister: Rodel Santos

Angelo Damone

Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick

Sunday, December 3 11:00 a.m.

Lectors:Michele PickettEucharistic Minister:Stella Salamante

Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, December 3 9:30 a.m.

Lectors:Brittany MeklinOrianna TerradoEucharistic Minister:Carla Guerreiro

Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro J. Adadevoh

Donation: Sanctuary Candle

From: Margaret Studden

For: The future of the Grandchildren, especially Ethan, Abi-

gail and Darren.

Sanctuary Candles

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or a special intention at either Guardian Angels or St. Paul's for a donation of \$25.00. Enclose your offering in an envelope with information and put in an envelope with information and put in collection basket or mail or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Peggy Abecker, Ruth Bach, Dorothy Baum, Rita Beckhorn, Maryanne Boncelet, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Theresa Byrne, Connor Chin, Loretta Dalando, Steven Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Dee Donnelly, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Anthony Lepore, Adam Lubonski, Amarilis Maldonado, Donovan Mak, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Our Citizens and souls in Hawaii, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Joann Russell, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Martha Schumacher, Joseph Skalla, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Alice Sporer, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Jack Wiegartner, and William B. Zalek.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Kyle P. Chanley, US Army. Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines. First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force. Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines. SPC. Brandon D'Souza. Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force. Captain Michael Asprocola, Marines. Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army. Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy. SR Cullen McArdle, Navy. Sgt. Juan A. Alejandro, Army. Jake Loftus, USN.

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfiguration-parish.com, to learn of events in our Parish.

Christmas Trees 2023

Once again this year, our churches will be surrounded by REAL Christmas trees illuminated beautifully with lights and on each tree will be a beautiful plaque dedicating that Christmas tree as a memorial to someone who has died or perhaps as a gift for the living, or perhaps in Thanksgiving for what God has given. Throughout the Christmas season, Mass will include the intentions of all those for whom trees have been memorialized, whether living or deceased.

On Saturday, December $9^{\rm th}$ after the Vigil Mass, we will have a blessing of the trees, and after a countdown, light the trees which will then remain lit each evening during the whole Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany in January.

Please consider memorializing one of these beautiful trees. The cost to memorialize a tree will be \$150.00 each. This will cover the cost of the tree, lighting of the tree, and the memorial gift for the church.

You will find a Reservation Form inserted in the Bulletin and also in our churches which you can fill out and return to the Parish Office with your memorial offering (contribution or donation). Remember, the number of trees are limited so preserve yours as soon as possible.

God bless!

Fr. Abraham

Eucharist and the Incarnation A Talk by Fr. Joseph Costantino S.J. Time: 6:30 PM. Thursday, December 14 Place: Guardian Angels Church, Edison

Fr. Joseph Costantino is the Superior of St. Peter's Jesuit Community in Jersey City. He served as president of Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York from 2013 to 2015. Prior to that, he served as pastor of the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Manhattan from 2006 to 2013. He has also served as director of vocations in the New York and Maryland Provinces and as executive director of the St. Ignatius Retreat House in New York. He earned a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University in New York and a Master of Divinity degree from Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry). He is also assigned to offer weekend retreats at Loyola Retreat House, Morristown.

National Eucharistic Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress takes place in Indianapolis on July 17-21, 2024. The diocese has secured 100 sets of tickets to all the events of the Congress, and will soon be announcing the various options for parishioners to purchase tickets, transportation, lodging, etc. If you would like to sign up to get information as it is released, go to this link to put your name in the space under "Join the Diocesan Delegation". https://diometuchen.org/nec2024

Remember Your Parish: Bequests

The purpose of a will is to ensure the financial security of your loved ones. Once that has been achieved, you can plan to give a gift to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. It can be a monetary sum, a property, stocks or bonds. These are precious gifts for the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 9, Christmas Trees Lighting Thursday, December 14, Eucharist & the Incarnation. A talk by Fr. Joseph Costantino SJ

Saturday, December 30, Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering \$5,468.00 Christmas Flowers \$ 155.00 Bring a Buck \$ 298.00

Guardian Angels Parking Lot

Our next project will be to repair the parking lot at Guardian Angels. When it rains, it look like a nice waterfront property, but after it dries up there are plenty of potholes. The cost for the repair will be \$16,000.00. We hope to have the work finished by the middle of September. Thank you for your understanding and generous support.

Bring a Dollar	\$ 2,689.00
Shop Rite	\$ 1,050.00
Super 50/50Raffle Winner Donation	\$ 80.00
Donation from Edison Pizza	\$ 172.00
Collette Tours Commission	\$ 2,028.95
Anonymous Donations	\$ 1,800.00
Knight of Columbus	\$ 300.00
Total 11/12/2023	\$ 8,119.95



eGIVING



eGiving lets you streamline your stewardship and support Transfiguration of the Lord Parish grow the ministries you care about most. eGiving provides steady, consistent support so we can empower our mission in support of our parish families and our community. Sign up at faith.direct/NJ1058 or call their toll-free number 866-

507-8787. Thank you for your support our parish!.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sell ShopRite cards on Saturday and Sunday after each mass a Guardian Angels. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office. Thanks you for your consideration.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 26 de noviembre de 2023, Trigésimo Cuarto (y ultimo) Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Rey del Universo

Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 12:00 medio día

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parroquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una Fe mayor en Él.

Lectores: Guadalupe Díaz y Erika Madera (11/26/2023) Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Lucero (11/26/2023)

Lectores: Carmen Chanes e Inés López (12/3/2023) Ministros Eucarísticos: Efraín Zambrano (12/3/2023)

Membresía Parroquial

Nuevos residentes de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. También les pedimos que cualquier cambio de dirección, correo electrónico o numero de teléfono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

El sacramento del bautismo

El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados a asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su parroquia.

RCIA

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RCIA. Una serie de instrucciones y ceremonias litúrgicas diseñadas para dar buena información en la fe católica.

Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.



KRISTIAN CHAVES

Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway, NJ https://www.diometuchen.org/retiroadviento o al 732-243-4573









EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA LAUDATE DEUM DEL SANTO PADRE FRANCISCO A TODAS LAS PERSONAS DE BUENA VOLUNTAD SOBRE LA CRISIS CLIMÁTICA

- 11. Ya no se puede dudar del origen humano —"antrópico"del cambio climático. Veamos por qué. La concentración de gases de efecto invernadero en la atmósfera, que por ese efecto provocan el calentamiento de la tierra, se mantuvo estable hasta el siglo XIX, por debajo de las 300 partes por millón en volumen. Pero a mediados de ese siglo, en coincidencia con el desarrollo industrial, comenzaron a crecer las emisiones. En los últimos cincuenta años el aumento se aceleró notablemente, como lo ha certificado el observatorio de Mauna Loa, que toma medidas diarias de dióxido de carbono desde el año 1958. Mientras escribía la Laudato si' se alcanzó el máximo de la historia -400 partes por millónhasta llegar en junio de 2023 a las 423 partes por 3 millón. [7] Más del 42% del total de las emisiones netas a partir del año 1850 se produjeron después de 1990. [8]
- 12. Al mismo tiempo verificamos que en los últimos cincuenta años la temperatura aumentó con una velocidad inédita, sin precedentes en los últimos dos mil años. En este período la tendencia fue de un calentamiento de 0,15 grados centígrados por década, el doble de lo ocurrido en los últimos 150 años. Desde 1850 hasta hoy la temperatura global aumentó 1,1 grados centígrados, fenómeno que se amplifica en las áreas polares. A este ritmo, es posible que en diez años alcanzaremos el límite máximo global deseable de 1,5 grados centígrados. [9] El aumento no se dio sólo en la superficie terrestre, sino también en varios kilómetros hacia arriba en la atmósfera, en la superficie de los océanos y aun en profundidades por cientos de metros. Así se incrementó además la acidificación de los mares y se redujeron sus niveles de oxígeno. Los glaciares se retraen, disminuye la cobertura nevosa y sube constantemente el nivel del mar. [10]

26 de Noviembre de 2023 Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

"...Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aún por el más pequeño, lo hicieron por mí." MATEO 25:40

La mayoría somos generosos cuando es conveniente para nosotros. Somos generosos cuando tenemos el tiempo o el dinero, pero la verdadera generosidad es lo opuesto a eso. Significa dar nuestro tiempo, el dinero, la compasión, el perdón o la misericordia cuando no es conveniente para nosotros, cuando no está en nuestro horario, sino en el tiempo de la otra persona.

Caridades Católica, Diócesis de Metuchen Programa de Servicios Inmigratorio

Evaluación gratuita en persona por 15 minutos los miércoles de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. en Holy Family Parish Center, ubicado en 56 Throop Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$48,000.00 Total Pledge Received: \$39,589.11 Amount Received \$34,789.11 Percent of Goal Pledged: 82.48% Percent of goal received: 72.48%

October 26, 2023

Rev. Abraham Lotha, Pastor Transfiguration of the Lord Parish 23 South Fifth Avenue Highland Park, NJ 08904-2604

Dear Father Lotha,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish for their generous response to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal with gifts totaling \$34,789. While your parish did not reach goal and earn a rebate, I truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the appeal especially during these challenging times.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the appeal who worked so hard to ensure the overall success of the campaign. Thanks to your parish's generosity, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission and live the Gospel message through our pastoral ministries and charitable outreach to those in need.

God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ.

+ Jam J. Cheulin

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen



Religious Education students getting their attendance card signed after Sunday Mass at St. Paul's

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church. We invite all our parishioners to take part in this special prayer time. If you are attending Mass and there is no Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister and you are part of that ministry, please step forward to serve. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server, please call the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Revival Parish Phase: Adoration at St. Paul's From Friday, July 14, 2023 to June, 2024, there will be Adoration from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second Friday of every month at St. Paul's Church. There will be prayers in Spanish but all parishioners are welcome.

Apostolic Exhortation LAUDATE DEUM of the Holy Father Francis to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis

... Continued

11. It is no longer possible to doubt the human – "anthropic" – origin of climate change. Let us see why. The concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, which causes global warming, was stable until the nineteenth century, below 300 parts per million in volume. But in the middle of that century, in conjunction with industrial development, emissions began to increase. In the past fifty years, this increase has accelerated significantly, as the Mauna Loa observatory, which has taken daily measurements of carbon dioxide since 1958, has confirmed. While I was writing Laudato Si', they hit a historic high – 400 parts per million – until arriving at 423 parts per million in June 2023. [7] More than 42% of total net emissions since the year 1850 were produced after 1990. [8]

12. At the same time, we have confirmed that in the last fifty years the temperature has risen at an unprecedented speed, greater than any time over the past two thousand years. In this period, the trend was a warming of 0.15° C per decade, double that of the last 150 years. From 1850 on, the global temperature has risen by 1.1° C, with even greater impact on the Polar Regions. At this rate, it is possible that in just ten years we will reach the recommended maximum global ceiling of 1.5° C. [9] This increase has not occurred on the earth's surface alone but also several kilometers higher in the atmosphere, on the surface of the oceans and even in their depths for hundreds of meters. Thus the acidification of the seas increased and their oxygen levels were reduced. The glaciers are receding, the snow cover is diminishing and the sea level is constantly rising. [10]

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Resources

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This is a great opportunity to highlight end-of-life topics including hospice, palliative care, and more. A listing of available resources can be found online using this link: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Immigration Services Program

Free 15-Minute In-Person Assessment Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At Holy Family Parish Center, 56 Throop Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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